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### THE ALBERTA LEGISLATURE— MANY NEW BILLS—FUTURE OF NORTHERN RAILWAYS SUBJECT OF HOT DEBATE

With the address in reply to the Throne speech out of the way, the Alberta Legislature got down to business last week.

New Legislation Monday was devoted to the clearing up of the order paper, and several motions that had been standing for some time were disposed of. Thirty-seven bills have received first or second reading, and several have reached the committee stage.

Many of these are comparatively unimportant, but others are of the first magnitude, especially the bill for the transfer to the Province of the public lands, with which is incorporated the agreement with the Dominion Government for the turning over to the Province of its natural resources.

A new Municipal District Act is on the way through. The most important change is in respect to closer supervision of secretary-treasurers by the auditors. This is with a view of reducing defalcations, which have been unfortunately prevalent of recent years.

An amendment to the Highway Act, which, if passed, makes it compulsory for motorists to dim their lights when within 200 feet of another vehicle.

The amendments to the Hall Insurance Act will have the effect of dividing the Province into zones, with varying rates according to the losses in the past five years.

A resolution calling for the construction of a forty-mile extension to the A. & G. W. railway was withdrawn, after the Minister of Railways had expressed himself decidedly against it on the ground that it was not warranted by the number of settlers in the district, and that part of the district was already served by the C.N.R.

The previous Government had in 1915 built the grade and laid ten miles of track on the extension asked for, but for the benefit of the Province, but to use up the balance of the guarantee on the A. & G. W. amounting to \$250,000 per mile, or \$250,000. The work done would be of very little value, as it would cost over \$700,000 now to complete the line.

A request for the linking up of Peace River with the Provincial telephone system was favorably considered, and the line will probably be completed when the new motor highway is built.

### SPECIAL FEATURES ON C.N.R. BROADCASTS



WESTERN CANADIAN broadcasting stations in the Canadian National Railway chain include programs to be given during March which are worthy of special mention. It is the aim of the company to set a high standard for radio broadcasting by all its stations and with this end in view arrangements were made with some of the best musicians in the Dominion to broadcast from C.N.R. stations in the west during the month of March.

The lower pictures show the famous Hart House String Quartet, of Toronto, composed of Gene & Kees. First violin: Harry Adams, second violin: Milton Blackstone, viola: Boris Hamburg, cello: Gene Hart. The group will broadcast for one and a half hours from five Canadian National stations in the west on the following dates: CNR, Regina, March 4th; CNR, Saskatoon, March 6th; CNR, Edmonton, March 10th; CNR, Calgary, March 11th; CNR, Winnipeg, March 17th.

Inserts in the quartet group are Reginald Stewart, Canadian violinist and conductor, (left), of Toronto, and A. Leslie Gerstle, baritone, of Winnipeg (right). Mr. Stewart, who is one of the outstanding pianists of Canada, will give a piano recital from CNR, Winnipeg, on March 3rd, when he will be assisted by Mr. Gerstle.

CNR, the first Canadian National broadcasting station opened in the west, celebrates its second anniversary on March 31st, for which date a special program has been arranged, including several novelty features for which prizes will be given, and an address by W. D. Robb, vice-president in the coming season. Agents Wanted in all Parts of the Dominion of Canada and the U.S.A.

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### CAPITAL GOSSIP AND PROV. NEWS

**Earliest Planting** Probably the earliest record for garden planting in the history of the province was recorded last week at Macleod, according to the Lethbridge Herald, when Fred Blum planted vegetables in his garden.

**New Alberta Butter Winnings** In the all-Canada butter competition held recently at Winnipeg, Alberta butter exhibits carried off a total of twenty of the sixty prizes offered, in competition with other provinces of the Dominion.

**New Oil Wells** Ten new oil wells will be drilled in the famous Turner Valley field south of Calgary in 1926, according to Chas. Ross, senior Dominion government mining inspector. Previous wells will be drilled in the Moose Mountain area west of Calgary and at least four new wells in the Wainwright field east of Edmonton, according to Mr. Ross' forecast of the 1926 program in the oil fields.

**New Municipal Hospitals** Following the successful vote in favor of the establishment of a rural municipal hospital district at Innisfail, steps have been taken to commence construction of the hospital building. A vote on the establishment of a hospital district at Valcartier will be taken March 15.

**Records at Banff Broken** Attendance at Banff National Park in 1925 broke all records as yet.

**Another symptom of smog** in the city is shown by the fact that sections seem to be clearing up.

**Good Revenue From Universal Phone Service** Although it cost the provincial government an investment of only \$1,200 to establish connection with the universal telephone service giving continent wide phone connection, the government telephone department has had a revenue of \$400 a month from the service almost since its inception. The outgoing calls average 350 a month.

**Plan Big Celebration** Extensive plans are being made for the celebration to be held at Canmore, Alberta, by the Norse people of Canada on July 3, 4, 5 and 6 next. Dr. Nordbye of Canmore is the president of the Norse Society of Canada which is making arrangements for the affair. Many visitors from the United States and other parts of Canada are expected to attend.

**Course for Bee-keepers** A short course for those interested in bee-keeping will be held at the University of Alberta on March 18 and 19 next. The lecturers will be Dr. H. C. Schurtz of Edmonton and R. C. Schurtz of Lethbridge.

**Rotary Club Convention** The district convention of Rotarians, comprising all clubs in Western Canada, will be held at Banff, Alberta, May 12, 14 and 15 next.

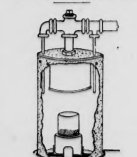
**Annual Horse Sale** At the annual horse sale held at High River, Alberta, the past week, a top price of \$410 was bid for one of the horses. A total of 200 horses were sold at an average price of \$75.

**Information for Feeders of Stock** Eight groups of stores, eleven lots of four, four of sheep and two lots of dairy cattle on test this winter at the University will connect with the most economical method of feeding stock in Alberta, on Feeders Day at the University, April 16th. A band of fall-farrowed pure-bred stock six months old, was marketed recently from the University. These were Tamworth Yorkshire crossed, raised on self-feeding and graded 80 per cent. This is further evidence of the fact that select goods can be

**British Women Should Not Lose** On the motion of Hon. Mrs. Partington, seconded by Mrs. McClelland, a resolution was passed unanimously, that the Dominion Government be urged to enact legislation whereby a woman of British nationality who is married to an alien should be treated as a British subject.

**Shaggy vandals** work by the American vandals in the Musical Comedy "Cherry Blossom."

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### FAMED EXPLORER MAKES TRIP THROUGH CANADA



**CAPT. ROALD AMUNDSEN**, famous as the discoverer of the South Pole and renowned explorer, climbed into the cab to get "shot" by Engineer Miller by newspaper cameramen during his short stop a few days ago at the Canadian National station in Winnipeg, en route to New York to sail for Europe. Although it was his first visit to Canada, Capt. Amundsen was unable to make any lengthy stops on his trip from the Pacific to the Atlantic over National lines on his journey to Spitzbergen, where he joins the crew of sixteen pilots and explorers on the proposed "Home by Air" trip by dirigible, the dirigible. His objective on this latest mode of exploration is to reach the North Pole. Many of his fellow countrymen and prominent Canadians greeted him at the station along the line to wish the explorer—C.N.R. Photo.

